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1. RATHER THAN REJECTING SPANISH REQUEST TO INITIATE

CONSULTATIONS (REF B) WE PREFER TO ASSUME THAT SPANISH PROBLEM IS ONLY WITH DISCUSSION OF VARIABLE LEVIES IN FRAMEWORK OF QRS SUBGROUP AND NOT WITH DISCUSSION OF QRS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN THIS FRAMEWORK. IF DELEGATION BELIEVES THIS ASSUMPTION CORRECT OR MIGHT BE CORRECT, WE SUGGEST RESPONSE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES, WHICH WOULD DEFER SETTING A DATE FOR CONSULTATIONS UNTIL THE SCOPE IS CLARIFIED.

2. QUOTE: I REFER TO YOUR LETTER TRANSMITTED TO US BY THE GATT SECRETARIAT CONCERNING OUR REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS MAINTAINED BY YOUR COUNTRY.

3. QUOTE: WE APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT WITH US ON ALL RESTRICTIONS AND ITEMS LISTED IN OUR NOTIFICATION OTHER THAN "DECLARATIONS OF IMPORTS OF LIBERALIZED GOODS" AND "VARIABLE LEVIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS." HOWEVER,

WE URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR DECISION TO EXCLUDE "DECLARATIONS OF IMPORTS OF LIBERALIZED GOODS" AND "VARIABLE LEVIES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS" FROM THE CONSULTATIONS.

4. QUOTE: WITH REGARD TO "DECLARATIONS OF IMPORTS OF LIBERALIZED GOODS," THE U.S. INTEREST IS IN DISCUSSING THE RESTRICTIVE ASPECTS OF THIS SYSTEM RATHER THAN THE IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES THEMSELVES. THE UNITED STATES, THEREFORE, BELIEVES THAT ITS NOTIFICATION OF THE SYSTEM IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED AT THE APRIL MEETING OF THE SUBGROUP. WITH REGARD TO VARIABLE LEVIES, THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT VARIABLE LEVIES CAN BE EQUIVALENT TO QRS IN THEIR EFFECT AND NOTES THAT THEY ARE NOT NOW BEING DISCUSSED IN GROUP AGRICULTURE EXCEPT IN THE GRAINS, MEAT, AND DAIRY SUBGROUPS. HOWEVER, THE U.S. CONCERN EXTENDS TO A NUMBER OF OTHER PRODUCTS AS WELL. WE WOULD, THEREFORE, LIKE TO REITERATE OUR INTEREST IN DISCUSSING THESE MEASURES AND URGE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO RESPOND TO OUR NOTIFICATION.

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5. QUOTE: WE WOULD PREFER TO DEFER SETTING A DATE FOR THE CONSULTATION UNTIL WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR LETTER REQUESTING THAT YOU TAKE UP THESE TWO ISSUES DURING THE CONSULTATIONS. END QUOTE.

6. IF DELEGATION BELIEVES, OR IF SPANISH RESPONSE REVEALS, SPANISH UNWILLING TO CONSULT ON ANY QRS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, WE SUGGEST A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT OF THE

CONSULTATION. HOWEVER, IF SPANISH PREPARED TO DISCUSS
MEASURES OTHER THAN VARIABLE LEVIES ON AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS, WE SUGGEST CONSULTATIONS BE SCHEDULED. KISSINGER

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